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"RIDIN' COMET"

starring YAKIMA CANUTT

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✓ Story by William David Ball. ✓

Scenario George W. Pyper! ✓

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HEN WILSON PRESENTS

YAKIMA CANUTT

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Slim Ranthers-----	Yakima Canutt
Bess Livingston-----	Dorothy Woods
Austin Livingston-----	Bob Walker
Max Underly-----	Bill Donovan
Sheriff-----	Archie Ricks
Doctor-----	Wm. Hackett
Meadowlark - The Wonder Horse--	Babe

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Slim Ranthers, feared by those who know him as a gun-fighter, receives a note from a neighbor rancher asking him to meet him at the Flying S corral late on a certain night. Slim goes, and finds himself surrounded by the sheriff and his men, as well as one Austin Livingstone -- owner of the new Irrigation Company, whose assistant-- Max Underly--gives Slim battle, and succeeds in wounding his left arm.

Because Ranthers will not sell his land to the Irrigation Company, Livingstone is determined to get something on him. He searches for a man with a wounded left arm, expecting to find that Slim is the man, and then blame him for an attempt at cattle stealing. Austin's sister Bess, however, precedes Austin and warns Slim. When Austin arrives, Slim gives him battle and wins. They do not know that his arm is wounded. While they are there, Bess hides in shed. In the battle, Slim's wounded arm is hurt and after Austin leaves, he faints. Bess stays with him and bandages the arm.

Later Slim's horse, Meadowlark, breaks out of the corral. Slim thinks Austin has stolen him, and goes off in search of the horse which is his one true love. He finds Meadowlark badly wounded as a result of a battle with a hungry mountain lion. The lion is dead--nearby--having been shot in three places. The horse's worst wound is bandaged with a blue handkerchief, remembered by Slim as the one formerly worn by Austin. Slim determines that though Austin has been his enemy, he really has a heart.

While Austin and Max are planning to trap Slim, Bess enters. They tell her they are talking about hides. Bess tells them she saw some in Slim's shed, thinking that she will strike up business associations between the two and thereby affect a friendship. She says, however, that the hides are slightly burnt. This turns things against Slim, and threatens to throw him into Austin's power.

When Slim returns from his search for Meadowlark, he discovers that Austin has been stricken with appendicitis and will die unless anaesthetic can reach him by nightfall, for an operation. The bridge over the dangerous Devil Draw creek has been washed out. Slim is told that no horse can swim Devil Draw, and is about to give up hopes of saving the stricken man when he recalls how Austin saved Meadowlark. He takes the anaesthetic and after a desperate struggle with the elements, crosses Devil Draw, reaching Austin--after twenty miles of hard riding, by nightfall. Under the severe strain, Meadowlark falls---supposedly dead.

Slim rushes into the sick room only to find that a doctor from the opposite direction has been reached, and got to Austin first. Max Underly accuses Slim of cattle thieving, then and there, but Slim produces the message asking him to meet Buck at the Flying S. It is proven that Max wrote this letter as bait. Slim then agrees that he has been wrong about not wishing to sell his land. Austin is about to have Slim arrested when Bess pulls aside the curtain and shows her brother the heap of horse flesh and bones outside, telling him that the horse and Slim risked their lives to save Austin's. Austin repents, and--to save Slim--says the burnt hides were sold Slim by himself. This clears everything up, and Bess and Slim are united.

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